

DOE selects 2003 Woman of Achievement

March is Women's History Month, and Hanford's Department of Energy offices traditionally honor a DOE employee each year with the title of Woman of Achievement. This year, **Marla Marvin** was named Hanford's 2003 Woman of Achievement after being nominated by her colleagues. She will receive the award at a ceremony on March 21 at 2 p.m. in the Federal Building Auditoriums.

Marvin started at the DOE Richland Operations Office in 2000 as director of Communications. Since her arrival she has been happily involved in Hanford politics, policies and management.

Marvin also makes time in her schedule to give back to the community as a volunteer in the Community Unitarian Universalist Church and by serving on the Northwest Public Radio Development Cabinet and the board of the Community Health Center La Clinica. One of her primary goals is to make a positive difference in the world by giving back to her community and helping those less fortunate.

Outside of her job and volunteer work, Marvin enjoys reading, sea kayaking, rock climbing, mountaineering and traveling. She has visited more than 40 countries including Morocco, Yugoslavia, Greece, Egypt, Sri Lanka and India.

Other nominees

Beth Bilson is now the DOE-RL assistant manager for the River Corridor and has also served as director of the Waste Management Division. Under her leadership, the transuranic certification program was created and validated, and the first shipments of transuranic waste were made to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in New Mexico. The Hanford program was acknowledged by WIPP as the premier program of its size in the DOE complex. In her spare time, Bilson enjoys sewing and quilting.

Stacy Charboneau has worked for DOE since 1994 and is currently an engineering and construction manager for the DOE-RL Office of Spent Nuclear Fuels. She also serves as the safety oversight director at the Emergency Operations Center. Last June, Charboneau gave a presentation for the Project Management Institute's 2003 Project of the Year awards program. She is also involved in the DOE Federal Women's Program and in school activities.

Nancy Crosby started working during her teenage years, and became a single mom when her children were ages nine and 11. She enrolled in night classes to learn the skills that led to a successful federal career. She is now in the DOE-RL Human Resource Management Division, and her recent accomplishments have included earning a mediator certificate. Her goal is to become a mentor to young women.

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Julie Erickson has been with DOE since June 1982, and has been the DOE-RL deputy associate manager for Science and Technology since November 1996. She also serves on the board of directors of the Learning Landscape and on the industrial advisory board for the University of Idaho's Chemical Engineering Department. Erickson is the mother of two boys, ages seven and four, and she stays involved in Cub Scouting and school activities.

Carrie Fetto started her DOE career in 1999 as an Employee Concerns coordinator, successfully resolving many difficult employment conflicts. In June 2002, Fetto became a human resources specialist, and she received an "On the Spot Award" for providing excellent support to the Office of River Protection during its 2002 reorganization.

Emily Irwin accepted a position with DOE-RL in 1995, and she has been a budget analyst since September 2000. She coordinates the DOE Hanford Day of Caring by working with United Way, DOE-RL and ORP employees. Her duties include assigning more than 150 volunteers to some 20 different community locations. Irwin feels that one of her greatest accomplishments is balancing her career with motherhood. She loves to spend time with her two children, and she volunteers at their schools and daycare centers.

Catherine Louie accepted a position with DOE in 1995 in the tank waste program. She has since transitioned to the position of area manager for the delivery of high-level nuclear waste feed to ORP's planned Waste Treatment Plant. Louie has a personal desire to encourage and promote self-esteem in her peers, colleagues, young people and women. In addition, she has recently started her own business as a Mary Kay beauty consultant, and she uses her skills and techniques to mentor young women in personal hygiene.

Colleen Meyers started at DOE in 1994. She works in the Safety, Health and Quality Assurance Division, where she oversees all the training for DOE-RL contractors. She says her biggest accomplishment is being married to a man who has been her best friend for 22 years, and she enjoys helping her daughter, born in 1988, grow up to be a well-rounded person.

Judith O'Connor has worked for the federal government for 23 years. She joined DOE in 2000 and was appointed contracting officer for ORP. Before coming to DOE, she was a cost-price analyst with the U.S. Army Contracting Center in Frankfurt, Germany. O'Connor has been married for 17 years and has two young children. Much of her spare time is spent with her seven-year-old son, who has a medical condition that requires Special Education schooling.

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Shannon Ortiz has been with DOE since 1993, and she currently works in the DOE-RL Baseline and Project Control Division. She helps develop and administer performance incentives for DOE-RL contractors. With support from her family and financial help from grants, scholarships and various jobs she held throughout her college career, Ortiz received a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering from the University of Washington.

Shirley Olinger came to DOE in January 2001 as the DOE-RL assistant manager for Safety and Engineering, and has focused on developing her team, setting clear expectations and networking with other DOE field offices. She's a member of the American Nuclear Society and the American Society of Civil Engineers. Like other nominees, Olinger faces the challenge of balancing her career with motherhood and spending time with her children.

Clo Reid is a contracting officer for ORP. Before starting work with DOE, she took on numerous challenges — raising two adopted children, earning a master's degree in 1995 in contract and acquisition management, and working for the Department of Defense Logistics Agency. Her DOD career included an assignment in Wiesbaden, Germany, with the Bosnia Peacekeeping Mission. Reid's mission was to get foreign contractors to perform on delinquent contracts.

Kimberly Williams is currently an oversight manager in the Laboratory Management Division of DOE-RL. She oversees the Energy Science and Technology Directorate, the Science and Engineering Education Program and Atmospheric Radiation Measurement Program. She's a divorced mother of a nine-year-old honor student who is also a competitive gymnast. In her spare time, Williams enjoys singing, songwriting and being the music director for her church.

Congress established March as National Women's History Month in 1987, and the first Hanford "Women of Achievement" were honored 12 years ago. Nominations are made by the women's peers and managers. ■